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SUBJECT: TRANSGABON RAILROAD

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS EXIM

REF: LIBREVILLE 0954

1. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH RAWIRI ON TRANSGABON RAILROAD NOVEMBER 8, FONMIN STATED THAT GAVARY HAD COME TO LIBREVILLE WITH PROPOSALS FOR FINANCING SECOND LEG OF TRANSGABON RAILROAD (BOOUE-FRANCEVILLE). ACCORDING TO RAWIRI, GAVARY MORE INTERESTED IN PUTTING TOGETHER FINANCING PACKAGE THAN IN ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION. RAWIRI SUGGESTED TAT PERHAPS GAVARY COULD ARRANGE FINANCING WITH MORRISON-KNUDSEN DOING CONSTRUCTION WORK IF GAVARY'S FINANCIAL PACKAGE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS THAN FINANCING WHICH MORRISON-KNUDSEN COULD OBTAIN. RAWIRI SAID HE WOULD BE CONTACTING MORRISON-KNUDSEN IN PARIS ALONG THESE LINES.

2. IN REPLY TO MY QUERY RE JAPANESEINTERESTS IN BUILDING SECOND LEG, RAWIRI CONFIRMED THAT JAPANESE HAD INDEED EVINCED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST BUT THAT GOG WAS HOPEFUL
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IT COULD TURN JAPANESE ATTENTION TO THIRD LEG (BOOUE-

BELINGA) SINCE OTHER PROPOSALS APPEAR TO BE MOVING AHEAD FOR SECOND LEG AND IN VIEW OF JAPANESE NEWLY MANIFESTED INTEREST IN SOMIFER. RAWIRI DID NOT, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT JAPANES HAD SO FAR BEEN PERSUADED TO SHIFT THEIR INTEREST TO CONSTRUCTION OF THIRD LEG.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SUGGEST DEPARTMENT AND AMEMBASSY PARIS INFORM MORRISON-KNUDSEN OF ABOVE.

4. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.
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